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hearing or indictment until April 17, 2008.

At the conclusion of the hearing, and at the request of the parties, the Court ruled as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case is continued to April 17, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. for a preliminary hearing or arraignment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period of time from March 14, 2008 through and including April 17, 2008 shall be excluded from the period of time within which an indictment or information must be filed under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8)(A), considering the factors set forth in Section 3161(h)(8)(B). The Court finds that the ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial for the following reasons: The parties require the additional time to exchange discovery and to discuss a potential resolution of the case prior to indictment. The exclusion of time is therefore required for effective preparation of counsel.

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